



Docket No.: 614.1933

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshiaki SHUTO

Serial No. 09/210,892

Group Art Unit: 2164

Filed: December 16, 1998

Examiner: S. Wasylchak

For: CONSTRUCTION OF SYSTEM UTILIZING INFORMATION STORED IN A SOLUTION BANK (As Amended)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on February 23, 2002. The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Claims 1-16 are pending. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the 3 January 2002 Interview with the Examiner. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated herein.

On page 2, in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 9, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Srinivasan (U.S. Patent No. 5,548,506). Further, on page 2, in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, it is noted that all prior rejections of claims remain. Claims 1-16 were rejected in the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,548,506 to Srinivasan or U.S. Patent No. 5,535,388 to Takeda. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In order for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 to be proper, each and every element of every claim must be literally disclosed. Neither Srinivasan nor Takeda do so. As noted in the response to the previous Office Action and during the personal interview, neither Srinivasan nor Takeda teaches or anticipates "storing an information about development situations, know-how, and knowledge in a solution bank by a unit of a solution pattern" as recited in claim 1.

Srinivasan mentions storing information related to a project by a unit of a project, but neither teaches nor anticipates "by a unit of a solution pattern" as recited in claim 1. Srinivasan

deals with managing a currently ongoing project, and can therefore not teach or suggest anything related to using old solution patterns to solve new problems.

Applicant also notes that the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001, contains an error. Specifically, "Claims 2-8 are rejected by their dependency on claim 1." Applicant notes that dependent claims are inherently allowable over the independent claims on which they depend. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine the dependent claims. Further, as Applicant has not had an opportunity to rebut any rejections of the dependent claims, Applicants request that the Finality of the action be removed, and any new action be non-final or an Allowance.

Claims 9 and 16 are allowable for reasons similar to those discussed above. Claims 2-8 and 10-15 are allowable as depending on claims 1 and 10 respectively, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

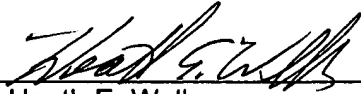
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

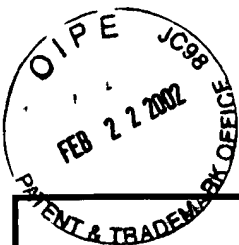
Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00

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